

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Chair Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW (Chair)
Lisa Eileen Cox, Ph.D., LCSW
Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Vice-Chair)
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. (left at 12:51 p.m.)
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC
Deanna Sperling, MS, RN
Patricia McKernan, MSW, LSW (arrived at 10:04 a.m.)
Elizabeth Manley, MSW, LSW

Absent:

Philip McCabe, CSW, CAS, CDVC, DRCC

Also attending:

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff

Announcement of Quorum

Chair Dr. Apgar opened the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

No minutes for review.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Assistant Executive Director, NASW-NJ raised questions concerning whether or not the change in the law allowing for reciprocity between states would mean that a passing score on the former New York State masters level exam would be acceptable instead evidence of passing the masters level exam administered by the ASWB. In the past, Board members who had taken both have stated that the two exams were not substantially the same. Regulations have not yet been written and, therefore, things are subject to change, but at the present time candidates may submit their applications to the Board including a detailed description of the social work experience they have had that may make up for the difference between the two exams. The experience must be within the last five years prior to applying.

The following members of the Public were in attendance, but did not comment:

Karun Singh, Ph.D., Director MSW Rutgers Newark

VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. McKernan, the Board voted to approve the supervisors as presented with the exception of two (2) applicants in which the Board voted to request additional documentation from. Voting in favor: all.

VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

Upon motion made by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Sperling, the Board voted to approve the following candidates as qualified in their category based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations and subject to review in the cases of pending criminal history background checks. Voting in favor: all.

LCSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Cesar Barrantes
Stacey Clayton
Patricia Cummins Martinez
Alyssa Giles
Renee Gormley
Brian J. Greco
Jonathan Lausell
Elizabeth Maloney
Teresa C. McArthur
Kevin D. Melendy
Beverly H. Mishkin

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Rebecca Redel

Kimberly Reilly

Katie L. Stepikura

Jessica Trusiani

Ruth E. Viera

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Rebecca J. Adler

Seth Antin

Gina M. Arnone

Cheryl L. Fay

Holly D. Gessner

Golda Gorelick

Darcy A. Hillstrom

Amal O. Killawi

Diana I. Loffredo

Susan Mailman-Frid

Mara E. Myerson

Widian A. Nicola

Leah C. Noble

Rikki Reich

Jessica L. Reinhardt

Allison M. Sadowski

Nicole L. Sperber

Mary L. Troestrum

Megan D. Wilgucki

LSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Maya E. David

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

James G. Alfano

Jane Altshul

Amanda L. Bent

Janet M. Christmann

Morgan L. Clark

Nicole M. Clark

Richard Cunningham

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Regina Diamond

Carleen N. Evans

Jaclyn M. Fay

Blima Goldgrab

Kristin M. Hagaman

Christine A. Isaac

Abigail K. Johnston

Joan Johnston

Danielle M. Lepore

Henrielle A. Manapat

Migdalla Mendoza-Gonzalez

Stephen J. Mogar

Nancy A. Rahl

Misty L. Reinecke

Thomas R. Rich

Frederick Schwarzenbach

Daniel S. Serpico

Stephanie E. Shapiro

Holly K. Sragow

Melissa A. Stelljes

Danielle Straughn

Emily Taragin

Michele C. Tiller

Neury S. Trinidad

Patience M. Umoh

Ashley L. Wall

Rachel A. Witt

Eilleen Wolff

Sameul B. Young

CSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Brittany M. Desch

China L. Glover

Brenda Irwin

Veronica Lopez

Shelton D. Norwood

Gloria M. Perrotta

Christina M. Sellitto

Quanette C. Vasser

Esther U. Williams

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Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Audrey P. Ayers

Shelia R. Casimir

Christina J. Chen

Luis F. DelOrbe

Dinella Encaracion

Veronica R. Fogg

Paulette L. Goode

Chalyn N. Hickson

Jamiaya C.A. Johnson

Maria C. Jones-Reese

Sofia A. Karaman

Christabel I. Kifordu

Alyssa R. Martinez

Kelvin O. Ojomoh

Sheandar V. Peterkin

Leonard W. Pikaard

Quasonna S. Redd

Isabel Rivera

Suzette Sclafani

Janice U. Shako

Jennifer M. Sololewski

Melissa A. Stables

Tammy S. Warowitz

Tiar Williams

Eva I. Zupan

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Assembly Resolution #210** - A resolution that establishes a task force on addiction and behavioral health. FYI
- B. Memo from Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, NASW-NJ** - The memo raises the question as to whom a social worker under supervision should disclose that he/she is under supervision in a school setting. The Board agreed that if parental consent is needed for treatment, supervision should be disclosed to the parents. Otherwise disclosure could be made to the child. The Board also suggested that the social worker check with the New Jersey Association of School Social Workers for any guidance they might offer.
- C. I/M/O Willie Powell, LCSW** - a copy of a Consent Order from the Board of Marriage and Family Therapist Examiners concerning Mr. Powell's voluntary surrender of his license to practice marriage and family therapy. The matter was moved to Executive Session.

- D. I/M/O Christine Mischenko, MSW** - copy of the Consent Order of Licensure licensing Christine Mischenko, MSW as a Licensed Social Worker with a restricted license. FYI
- E. Renewal of Approval for CE approval entity** - request for renewal of approval of the New Jersey Social Work Continuing Education Approval Collaborative as a continuing education approval entity pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-6.7. *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. McKernan, the Board voted to approve the New Jersey Social Work Continuing Education Approval Collaborative as a continuing education approval entity. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2015

please note: all meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m.

April 8, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
May 13, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
June 10, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
July 8, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
August 12, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
September 9, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
October 14, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
November 18, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
December 9, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Public session closed at 11:01 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Ms. McKernan, seconded by Mr. St. Onge. The Board re-entered public session at 1:55 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW
Chair

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